

Asbestos removal by HSE licensed contractor

Asbestos is present in many buildings built before 1990 and will continue to need to be removed or controlled on construction projects.

Only asbestos removal contractors and laboratories with the necessary HSE licence, experience and training are to be used on projects.

- Notifications must be in place for all asbestos removal.
- A suitable specific plan/method statement must be in place, outlining the method of work and any health and safety issues raised by the initial assessment;
- Facilities provided by the asbestos removal contractor must be suitable and must not obstruct any general access/egress. This applies particularly to the enclosure, the hygiene facility and air ducting.
- Before work starts, the enclosure within which the asbestos removal contractor is to work, must not permit any escape of asbestos fibre into the atmosphere. PC must witness the smoke test being carried out. The enclosure must include a viewing panel.

A maintenance / inspection schedule must be in place for the enclosure and any air extraction equipment.

- Asbestos must not escape into the atmosphere during the asbestos stripping operation.
- An adequate personnel decontamination procedure must be in place so that asbestos is not released from personnel transiting to and from the workplace.
- The area being stripped must be clean, both visually and with the supporting air sampling results provided to SCL.
- Removal of the enclosure must not give rise to the release of asbestos fibre; (Air monitoring must be carried out)
- The storage of the asbestos on site must not give rise to asbestos fibre release and all asbestos must be effectively removed being double bagged and in locked skips.
- The works must be overseen by a nonworking Supervisor/Manager with sufficient experience to ensure that all requirements are complied with and to ensure that any other matters of good practice are implemented.

